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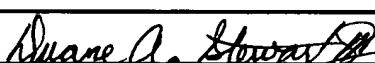
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This response is filed in reply to the final Office Action mailed on November 29, 2006, and having a shortened statutory period for response of February 28, 2007. It is believed that this response is timely without the need for an extension. Because this response has been filed within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action, an Advisory Action is requested. In the event that an extension is necessary, kindly grant one and deduct the fee for same from Deposit Account No. 02-4800, in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC.

The rejections of the Office Action have been carefully considered and are addressed herein. Entry of the amended claims, amended drawings, and amendments to the specification, as well as reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are presented in the **Listing of Claims**, beginning on page 3.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4.

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Amendments to the Figures are discussed on page 6, and a **Replacement Figure** is included as Appendix A.

Remarks begin on page 7.

The **Conclusion** begins on page 10.